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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Quickly Contained on East Bay Street

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Charleston, SC (August 30, 2014): Units with the City of Charleston Fire Department, St. Andrews Fire Department, North Charleston Fire Department, Charleston Police Department, and Charleston County EMS responded to a three story structure on East Bay Street for a possible commercial structure fire. Units arrived and extinguished a small fire near an electrical service meter near the front of the structure. The space is currently under renovation. Contractors working at the space smelled smoke and discovered the fire. A worker at an adjoining restaurant attempted to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher.

The fire was contained to a small area near the front of the structure. Smoke spread throughout the three stories and into a restaurant that is attached behind the renovated space. East Bay Street was closed for approximately 2 hours while crews extinguished the fire and ventilated smoke from the structure. An adjoining restaurant closed temporarily while fire crews operated but later re-opened.

The City of Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal Division responded to investigate the fire. The fire originated in an electrical service meter near the front of the structure. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The City of Charleston Fire Department would like to remind citizens to report any unusual odors or visual smoke by dialing 9-1-1. Dispatchers at 9-1-1 will have emergency crews respond to investigate the situation.

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